

I strongly oppose NAB's Petition 04-160. I and many others greatly benefit from having access to instant traffic and weather on XM Radio. This is not only a matter of fair competition and consumer rights. It also helps the public to avoid traffic congestion, which both limits traffic problems and pollution and avoids extra use of gas. This is a major public benefit given environmental concerns and rising gas prices. The local radio stations do not provide instant traffic, or the detailed information on all freeways XM provides. To take away this service, which I freely choose to pay for, in order to protect the narrow business interests of the NAB, would be a bad policy decision, contrary to the interests of the public good. Thank you for considering my comments.